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BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District posted gains in a state indicator used to evaluate schools' progress from year to year, but more than half of campuses — 10 of 17 — failed to achieve standards set by the federal government.

The California Department of Education uses a measure called the Academic Performance Index, which compiles scores from standardized tests covering English, mathematics, science and history.

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Weather service warns of high surf along coast

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The National Weather Service has issued a high surf advisory for the coast of Southern California, warning of strong rip currents and breakers that can top more than 11 feet.

A winter storm off the coast of New Zealand is generating big waves across the Pacific. The weather service says they're expected to arrive late Wednesday afternoon on California beaches and shoreline, from San Luis Obispo to San Diego counties.

Meteorologist Stuart Seto said the surf will average 7 feet to 9 feet, with south- and southwest-facing beaches seeing larger than 11-foot waves during high tide around noon Thursday.

He says strong rip currents will create hazardous conditions for swimmers. People are urged to stay off jetties or risk being swept away.



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

SEE YA: **A clerk at Co-opportunity on Wednesday uses single-use plastic bags on the last day before a ban takes effect. Management said they were trying to use the rest of their stock before the ban began. Santa Monica is among a small group of cities that has banned plastic bags.**

Plastic bag ban takes effect in SM

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE It's official. The long-awaited — or dreaded — plastic bag ban passed by the City Council in January takes effect today, whether you're ready or not.

According to city officials, 26 million plastic bags get used each year in Santa Monica alone, contributing not only to the city's carbon footprint, but to the bags that foul up local beaches and devastate marine life.

The ban will significantly cut down on that by cutting them out of grocery stores, and restricting them in other places, including the various Farmers' Markets.

Josephine Miller, an employee of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment and colloquially known as the "bag lady," is pretty confident that the last six months' reprieve from the ban, which was supposed to take effect in March, has given retailers and their customers time to prepare themselves for enforcement.

Miller has been busy making it happen. She's run around to hundreds of impacted businesses giving presentations, prepping owners, bagging clerks, creating fliers (three) and calling the 108 most-affected stores to give them updates on the rules and loopholes of the ban.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Katz grows into role at Oregon St.

Former Samohi quarterback begins second year at the helm

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORVALLIS, Ore. It's bowl or bust for Oregon State quarterback Ryan Katz.

The Santa Monica High School product is preparing to begin his second year as the starter and can't help but expect big things following a so-so 5-7 season.

"We're going to have a better year than last year," Katz promised. "Not making a bowl game, that was tough on us. It was a long off-season."

Katz, who threw for 2,401 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2010,



KATZ

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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Pilates in the park
Ocean View Park
2701 Barnard Way, 7:30 a.m.
Donation-based pilates mat class series in Santa Monica. Pilates is awesome for building core strength and getting an overall body toning workout.

'Yogawoman' in depth
Laemmle Monica 4-Plex
1332 Second St., 7 p.m.
Annette Bening narrates "Yogawoman," a documentary that delves into the growing world of yoga. There will be a Q&A with the filmmakers after the screening. Cost: $25. For more information, visit yogawoman.tv.

New Americana
Santa Monica Pier
6:45 p.m.
Week 9 of the Twilight Dance Series features a folksy night featuring Los Angeles-based band Dawes. Sonny & the Sunsets opens. For more information, visit santamonicapier.org.

Friday, Sept. 2, 2011

For the victims
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 8 p.m.
Award-winning Swedish-Japanese pianist Fuzjko Hemming is touring the U.S. to raise money for victims of the Japan quake and tsunami with a charity concert. Hemming will perform "Preludes Op.28" by Chopin, "Partita No.1" by Bach, "Picture at an Exhibition" by Mussorgsky and "La Campanella" by Liszt. Admission: $60 to $120. For more information, call (424) 888-4022. Hemming will also be performing Sept. 4 at 4:30 p.m.

In the life
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Stogie Kenyatta's acclaimed show about artist/activist Paul Robeson is powerful and poignant, entertaining and educational, heartfelt and humorous. Robeson was witness to the artistic wonders of the Harlem Renaissance and the jazz and be bop era, the horrors of the slave trade, the shame of the Holocaust, McCarthyism, blacklists, racism and oppression. Admission: $10 to $20. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 x1. This show runs Saturday and Sunday (7 p.m.)

Error prone
The Powerhouse Theatre
3116 Second St., 7 p.m.
The Powerhouse Theatre presents Shakespeare's chaotic, madcap, and thunderous farce of mistaken and lost identities — "The Comedy of Errors" in the uniquely intimate outdoor space of the Powerhouse's redwood deck. Free admission, reservations are recommended. For more information, call (213) 674-6682.

Catch the groove
Zanzibar
1301 Fifth St., 9 p.m.
Every Friday The Goods play live hip hop, soul, old school and classic music with KCRW's DJ Anthony Valadez at Zanzibar. Must be 21 and over to attend. For more information, call (310) 451-2221 or go to www.zanzibarlive.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Osborn wins labor union endorsement

Bolstering her bid to fill California's new vacant 50th Assembly seat, veteran nonprofit executive Torie Osborn this week secured the backing of one of California's most powerful unions, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 18.

"We take our endorsements very seriously, especially in these tough economic times," Brian D'Arcy, business manager of IBEW Local 18, said in a statement released by Osborn's campaign. "When we back a candidate, it's because we know they have their priorities straight and they'll fight to create more good-paying jobs. Torie Osborn has the leadership skills, the vision and passion to help get California's economy back on track, and we want to help her win."

IBEW Local 18 represents over 8,000 employees working for five public sector employers. Most of Local 18 members are utility workers, electrical workers, clerical workers, engineers, custodians, and tree trimmers. Local 18 represents workers from Boulder City, Nevada to Long Beach to the Oregon border.

"It is a real honor to have the support of IBEW Local 18," said Osborn. "With the nation's second highest unemployment rate, currently at 12 percent, Californians are struggling to make ends meet. When I go to Sacramento, my top priority will be good-paying jobs speeding up our economic recovery."

KEVIN HERRERA

Eat pancakes, help PAL

The Ocean Park Cafe is inviting Santa Monicans to chow down on a pancake breakfast Labor Day weekend, with 100 percent of proceeds going to support local restaurateur Fred Deni's Culinary Arts After-School Program at the Santa Monica Police Activities League.

Participants in the program — open to students aged 14 to 17 — receive weekly hands-on instruction from industry professionals in the art of preparing and cooking fast, easy and nutritious meals using fresh ingredients grown locally.

The Culinary Arts curriculum includes excursions to local restaurants educating Santa Monica teens on the inner-workings of the business and inspiring career interest.

Money raised will help PAL, located at Memorial Park, expand its test kitchen, revamp shelving and possibly purchase more cutlery and food storage containers.

The pancake breakfast is $6.95 and includes a savory stack of fresh blueberry or strawberry wheat pancakes served with a choice of syrups, and a side of sausage, bacon or ham.

For more information, call (310) 452-5720. The cafe is located at 3117 Ocean Park Blvd.

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ABRACADABRA

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Summer employee and magician Jeremy Davis shuffles cards for a magic trick during the Summer Showcase event at the Boys & Girls Club on Tuesday afternoon. The event gave parents and their kids a chance to see what the club does.

Volunteers needed for Coastal Cleanup Day

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM BAY Santa Monica-based environmental watchdog Heal the Bay is calling on Southland residents to join the world's largest single-day volunteer event — the 22nd annual Coastal Cleanup Day, scheduled for Sept. 17.

As part of a global effort, tens of thousands of concerned citizens in Los Angeles County will link to remove harmful and unsightly trash and debris from more than 60 coastal and inland sites, an area that spans close to 100 square miles, officials with Heal the Bay said in a press release issued Wednesday.

Since 1990, Heal the Bay has coordinated the county's Coastal Cleanup Day, mobilizing an army of volunteers from 9 a.m. until noon to canvass beaches, parks, creeks, lakes, highways and alleys to remove ocean-bound trash and beautify neighborhoods.

No special training or equipment is necessary. But in a bid to reduce waste even further, Heal the Bay encourages volunteers to "BYO" — bring their own buckets, reusable

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Pets need special care during disasters

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A poll released Tuesday by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals found that 35 percent of dog and cat owners have no plan for dealing with their pets during a disaster that forces them to evacuate.

Forty-two percent of dog or cat owners polled in the survey said they would not evacuate without their pets, 39 percent said they would leave them behind and 19 percent said

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Obey the law

Editor:

Your article about a car-bike accident states that 29 of this year's 70 such accidents in Santa Monica were caused by cars ("Driver arrested for allegedly running down bike rider," page 1, Aug. 30). That means that 41 – more than half – were caused by the bicyclists. Could that be because bicyclists tend to ignore stop signs and red lights, and often ride in the middle of car lanes? Wouldn't it be safer for all if drivers and cyclists obeyed the law?

John Reed
Los Angeles

Perfect design

Editor:

The next time you publish an article about Santa Monica Airport, please use a reporter who is better informed about aviation and has a balance of perspectives toward the airport ("Plane crashes into home near Santa Monica Airport," page 1, Aug. 30).

Your reporter concluded [her] article by quoting Zina Josephs of Friend of Sunset Park as saying, "Unfortunately, when a runway is surrounded by homes, as the Santa Monica Airport's runway is, there is no safe emergency landing if a plane loses power."

This would be the perfect opportunity to report that the forced landing sure was extremely close to a golf course with fairways wide enough for a safe, fixed landing.

If anything screams "Land here!" it's a golf course – long, wide, often straight, manicured short grass, firm soil – a near perfect surface to glide in to. Pilots are taught from their first lessons to be aware of forced landing opportunities after take off.

The airport design is perfect. The urban planning design to put residential areas at each end of the runway is stupid. I recommend demolishing the houses at both ends of the runway and planning for open grass areas for forced landings such as parks, sports fields, golf courses, farming fields, etc.

The airport was there first. The people can move somewhere else. It's a wonderful airport. If you don't like the risks and noise associated with airports, then don't live near one!

Karl van Oldenborgh
Auckland, New Zealand

Traffic is the grand prize

Editor:

You have just won the grand prize, the enviable opportunity to share the city streets with an additional 27,000 vehicles, Monday to Friday, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., every week, forever, courtesy of the City Council members you elected to represent your wishes!

Six out seven of your elected council members took a brave stand and, despite the overwhelming concerns and opposition expressed by the residents in numerous public meetings, voted to go forward with development agreement negotiations with Hines for the Bergamot Transit Village.

Give yourselves big "atta boys" and send kudos to those council members who, at great risk to their political lives, chose to ignore your concerns, because they know what's best for the city (not to mention their election coffers).

Kevin McKeown must be the only council member who, along with the rest of us, objects to sitting in gridlocked, smelly traffic, while the other six seem to "love the smell of napalm (i.e., exhaust fumes) in the morning" – and afternoon, and evening.

With any luck at all, you will continue to re-elect these six brave souls, and we will be able to pass this legacy on to future generations.

Joanne Curtis
Santa Monica

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Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

If you build it, jobs will come

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I recently graduated from college and have been actively seeking my first real job. I keep hearing that my success will come from networking but I have no idea what to do when I don't have a network to start with. I feel strange about reaching out to people I do not know and asking them for a job. What should I do?

Signed,
Novice Networker

DEAR NOVICE,

It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the concept of networking. Our minds often go to a big room filled with lots of people where you are forced to introduce yourself to a million strangers, when in fact networking can be broken down to a much simpler process.

Networking is simply developing and then maintaining the contacts and personal relationships you create. There is no complex method or magical process to networking. In fact, you're probably already networking: when you volunteer, talk to your neighbors, chat with someone while waiting in line, an even in virtual ways, like posting messages to a blog or on website discussion board. You can network with the various everyday things that are already part of your life.

Networking does not need to be a huge, complicated process; rather it's something that can become a natural part of your life. To make use of networking however, it should go beyond your job search. Maintaining a relationship is much more than just asking for favors. Keep in mind networking is about being genuine, real, and most importantly yourself.

Be smart in your networking strategy. Think of the people you already know who seem to know everyone else. These connectors are fundamental to your networking success; they are the key to opening your networking door. If you are only "networking" with friends and family that you know well, then you are limiting yourself to new information and opportunities. Extending your network will help you to connect with those who operate in diverse circles with different people who ultimately have access to new information and resources. With new people in your network come new opportunities that you would not otherwise know about.

Expand your network with things you already enjoy. Consider joining a local athletic league or volunteer organization; you'll naturally have at least one thing in common with the people you meet which will make conversation much more comfortable. You can apply this same strategy online by joining groups on LinkedIn or Facebook that relate to your hobbies and professional interests.

It's also important to keep in mind that networking is not asking for a job or making cold-calls to people you do not know. Rather it is talking to those you do have a relationship with and asking them to introduce you to others. You can build your network by helping others meet new contacts too. Building your network is a give-and-take system; if you are hoping to be connected to new people you need to be able to offer the same to your contacts.

FROM LEARNING MORE ABOUT A PARTICULAR CAREER TO GATHERING JOB LEADS, THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU CREATE THROUGH NETWORKING ARE ENDLESS.

The best advice I can offer is for you to be the one who connects others. You do not need to put together a big event, one of the easiest techniques is to introduce others over e-mail and let them do the coordinating. When your contacts or acquaintances see you as a valuable connector they will want to reciprocate the offer — your network will grow before your eyes. You need to bring something to the table, otherwise you may risk becoming the annoying acquaintance who is always asking for favors but not providing anything in return.

Just in case you need the motivation to get started, networking has a number of great benefits. From learning more about a particular career to gathering job leads, the opportunities you create through networking are endless. Visibility is key to your success.

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It's Labor Day, not union day

MOST AMERICANS REALIZE THAT LABOR Day is about celebrating workers, not union bosses, but that won't stop Big Labor's apologists from stealing the spotlight to demand more power.

The fact is that modern unions are built on the legal privilege of compulsion. In 28 states without Right to Work laws, non-union employees can be fired for refusing to pay union dues. Millions more non-union workers have no choice but to accept union bargaining over their wages and working conditions.

What's more, union officials routinely funnel non-union workers' dues into political campaigns aimed at defending or expanding their already extensive special privileges. As legislators from Wisconsin to Ohio can attest, this perverse cycle has made it extremely difficult to roll back union bosses' workplace powers.

Big Labor thrives on a system of government-granted special privileges. But what do workers get out of this arrangement? According to union apologists, they'd be helpless without it. But the facts reveal a different story.

Compulsory unionism makes union bosses unaccountable to rank-and-file workers, whose financial support is absolutely mandatory. After all, why should union officials bother with the hard work of representing employees if they're sitting on a forced-dues revenue stream guaranteed by the government?

The flood of forced-dues cash also breeds extravagance, abuse, and corruption. Now that Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis has rescinded several modest union disclosure regulations, workers have even less insight into how their hard-earned dues are being spent. The results are utterly predictable: Union boss spending sprees and forced-dues funded political activism take precedence over protecting worker rights.

According to The Wall Street Journal, AFSCME — the powerful government employee union — was the single largest political spender in the 2010 elections. And that's just the tip of Big Labor's $1 billion mid-term spending spree. Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO hosted its annual conference at Miami's posh Fontainebleau Hotel in the depths of the 2009 recession. In 2008, The Chicago Sun-Times reported that over $25 million from five union pension funds had been diverted to all sorts of unsavory activities, including strip clubs, horse farms, and a lavish Las Vegas getaway.

Union operatives aren't above resorting to intimidation to protect their forced-dues fiefdom. Just ask workers at Boeing's Charleston Dreamliner plant, whose jobs are at risk because International Association of Machinist union bosses can't stand the thought of any of the aerospace giant's employees escaping their forced-dues clutches.

Instead of building Dreamliners at their unionized Seattle facilities, Boeing chose to locate production in South Carolina, a state whose popular Right to Work law ensures that no worker can be forced to pay union dues as a condition of employment.

IAM lawyers responded by filing a spurious complaint with the National Labor Relations Board to force Boeing to move production to Washington state, where any new employees would have to pay union dues.

Never mind the fact that over a thousand Charleston jobs are at risk if IAM lawyers shut down production. For union bosses, protecting their special privileges is the only thing that matters.

In nearly 200 cases nationwide, the National Right to Work Foundation is helping employees stand up for their rights in the face of union operatives' intimidation, coercion, and even violence. These cases underscore the extreme lengths to which union bosses will go to retaliate against anyone who refuses to toe Big Labor's line.

Voluntary organizations — from the workplace to your local neighborhood — are quintessentially American. But Big Labor has strayed from its traditions of voluntarism. Instead of persuading workers to join up and pay dues of their own free will, union bosses increasingly rely on coercion to protect their privileged position.

If union officials really want to celebrate Labor Day, they'd renounce their special privileges and free hard-working Americans from compulsory unionism. Otherwise, their talk of "workers' rights" rings awfully hollow.

MARK MIX is president of the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation.

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The Q Line

Preparing for the bag ban

The city's ban on single-use plastic bags, which find their way into oceans and streams, goes into effect Sept. 1. People who do not bring reusable bags to grocery stores and other markets will have to pay 10 cents for a paper bag.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Are you prepared for the bag ban? If so, where did you get your bags and how much did you pay for them? If not, why not?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **(310) 458-7737 ext. 102.**


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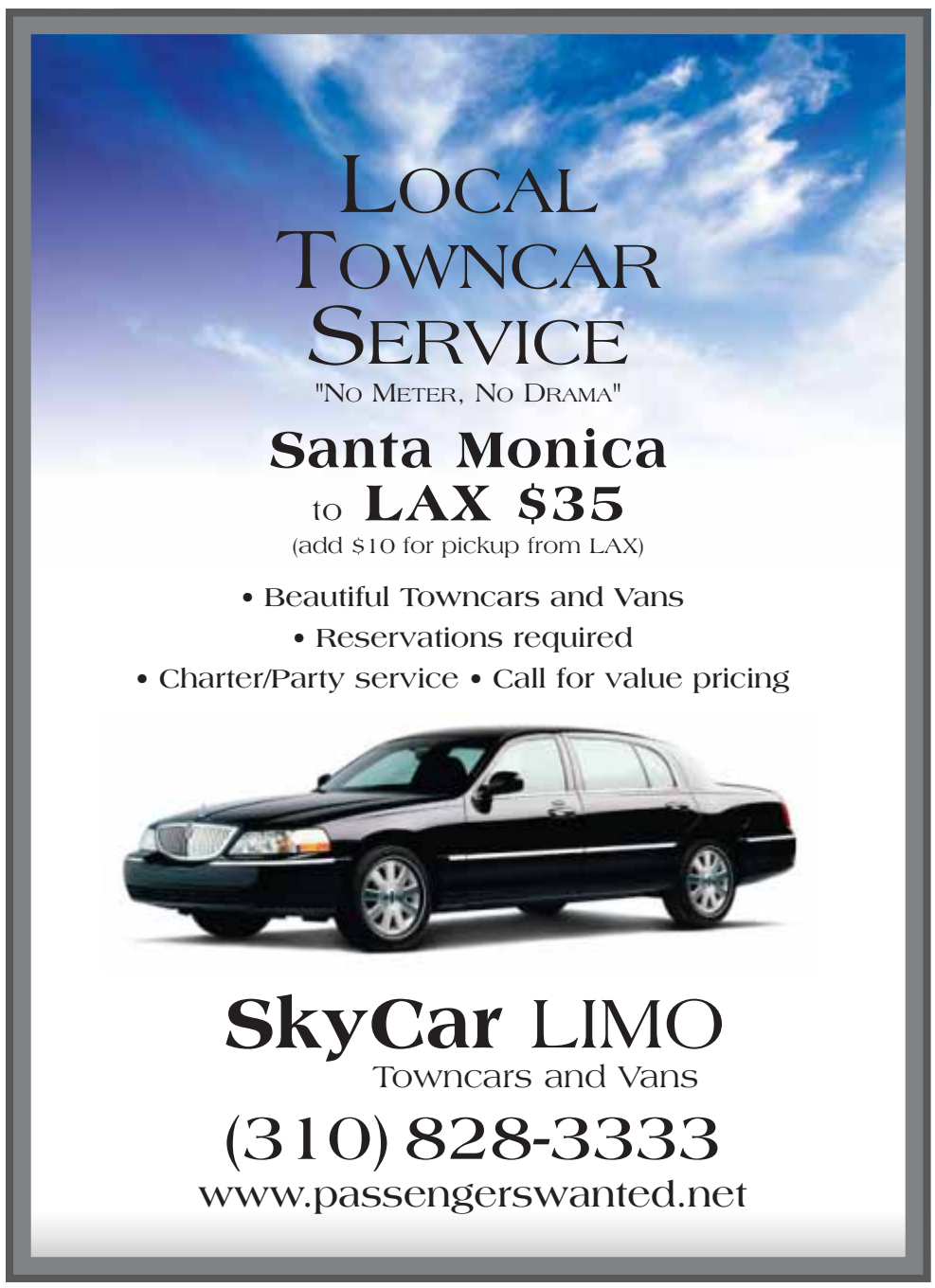
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Bill to regulate health insurance rates pulled

A bill that would have given California regulators the power to reject health insurance rate increases has been pulled from consideration.

Democratic Assemblyman Mike Feuer of Los Angeles decided Wednesday there were too few votes in the Senate to pass AB52 this year. Senate Democrats were divided on the bill, which passed the Assembly in June.

With just a week remaining in this year's session, Feuer said in a statement that he will try again next year.

The bill would have given the state insurance commissioner and other regulators authority to reject rate increases deemed excessive. Supporters said it would help California families afford insurance.

Groups representing insurers, hospitals and doctors lobbied against the bill, saying the regulations would add bureaucracy and do nothing to address high medical costs.

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CATALINA

Six rescued from sinking fishing vessel

The U.S. Coast Guard says six people have been rescued from a sinking fishing boat near Santa Catalina island.

A Coast Guard statement says they were aboard the 61-foot squid boat Midnight Hour when it began taking on water Tuesday night near Eagle Rock on the northwestern end of the island.

Chief Andrew Reyes says four people left the boat in a skiff. Two others went into the water but were picked up by the skiff. A nearby boat then took all six to safety.

However, the Midnight Hour went down and hasn't been recovered.

Reyes says it's unclear why the vessel sank.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Official fears stadium's impact on conventions

A Los Angeles city councilman wants to make sure the city doesn't lose any more convention business after a medical organization canceled a meeting due to worries over the proposed construction of a football stadium nearby.

Councilman Paul Krikorian said in a letter to city staffers and convention center directors Wednesday that he wanted to know what steps were being taken to assure further conventions are not cancelled and what legal recourse the city has to recoup its losses if any cancellations do occur.

The Society of Critical Care Medicine said last week that it would not hold its February 2014 convention in LA due to concerns about Anschutz Entertainment Group's stadium proposal.

The plan involves relocating a convention center building to make space for the football venue.

AP

SACRAMENTO

Bill lets illegal immigrants apply for school aid

The state Senate has approved the second half of the so-called California Dream Act, which would allow students who are illegal immigrants to apply for state-funded scholarships and financial aid.

The Senate approved AB131 on a 22-11 vote Wednesday. The state Assembly must approve changes to the bill it previously passed before it goes to Gov. Jerry Brown.

The legislative package by Democratic state Assemblyman Gil Cedillo of Los Angeles differs from the federal Dream Act, a proposal that would create a path to citizenship for those who are bought to the country illegally as children.

Last month, Brown signed a bill approving private scholarships and loans for illegal immigrant students. AB131 adds state-funded financial aid.

Illegal immigrant students would have to meet the same requirements as others but only would qualify for financial aid that remains after legal residents apply.

AP

WASHINGTON

Obama to make West Coast swing in September

A White House official says President Barack Obama will make a three-day West Coast swing next month.

The president's trip will start in Seattle on Sept. 25. He will also make three stops in California: San Francisco, San Diego and Los Angeles. Obama's trip will wrap up in Denver on Sept. 27.

The president's travel schedule is picking up again following a summer that saw him largely stuck in Washington to deal with the contentious and protracted debate over raising the nation's debt ceiling and cutting government spending.

The official insisted on anonymity because the trip has not been officially announced.

AP

LOS ANGELES

County to pay in suit over sheriff's shootings

Los Angeles County will pay nearly $173,000 in legal fees racked up by the Los Angeles Times in a court fight over the names of sheriff's deputies involved in deadly shootings.

The Times says a Los Angeles judge ordered the payment Monday, ruling that the information sought by the newspaper was a matter of public interest.

The Times filed a California Public Records Act lawsuit two years ago after the Sheriff's Department denied a request for the names of deputies involved in three fatal shootings. The names eventually were ordered released.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Bank employee pleads guilty to stealing $110K

A former California central coast bank employee has pleaded guilty to stealing $110,000 from U.S. Bank.

Prosecutors say 25-year-old Brenda Bautista Hurtado, who was an employee at an Arroyo Grande branch, entered the plea to a felony theft count on Monday in Los Angeles federal court.

SCORES

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Students' scores are based not only on their performance, but how much better they did than the year before. More points are awarded to students that raise their scores from the lowest level than to those that go from proficient to advanced, said Dr. Maureen Bradford, the director of assessment, research and evaluation with the school district.

"It's really about making sure all of the kids are moving up," she said. "Once you get to the very high levels of performance, you focus on moving from the proficient level to the advanced level. That is, indeed, what our kids have been doing."

According to results released by the California Department of Education Wednesday, the school district achieved a score of 855 the API. The state's benchmark is 800.

That marks an 11-point gain over the district's 2010 scores, and exceeds the state average of 778.

"The 2011 API report speaks to the professionalism and commitment of our classroom teachers, school administrators, support staff and district staff," said Superintendent Sandra Lyon in a press release.

In contrast, the federal system, built into the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act, creates a steadily climbing benchmark that dictates that all districts and schools reach 100 percent proficiency by 2014.

It measures schools and districts against an "annual measurable objective," which for 2011 was 67 percent of students scoring proficient on English and math tests.

The district as a whole scored 75.9 percent proficiency in English and 71.4 percent in math, but that's not the end of the story.

Districts that receive federal money for Title 1 schools, or schools with at least 40 percent of the student body considered economically disadvantaged, have an extra burden.

If they fail to achieve those goals two years in a row in any of 25 categories, they fall into a category called "program improvement," or PI, that can allow for significant government intervention into the offending school.

Not all schools have to score in all categories. For instance, Franklin Elementary was judged out of nine categories, while McKinley Elementary had to achieve 21 different measures.

SMMUSD has four Title 1 schools, Edison Language Academy, McKinley, John Muir Elementary School and Will Rogers Elementary School.

All missed at least one measure in 2011. It's the second year for Will Rogers, which is now a "PI" school.

That means that parents will be informed about the school's status, and will have the option to pull their children out of the school and put them in another elementary school in the district that has room.

That's nothing new, Bradford said.

"We have open enrollment. Parents can request a transfer to a school that's not their neighborhood school. The difference with PI is that the district has to provide transportation to families that want to switch," Bradford said.

Since the federal government doesn't provide money to pay for the transportation it requires, the mandate means more money taken away from instruction and put into carting children from their neighborhood to a new school.

Given that the federal requirements will be higher next year than in 2011, other schools might fall into the PI category.

School officials across the state have risen up against the standards, which classified 913 schools, including Will Rogers, as "failing."

"I have serious concerns about how the federal government measures success," said Tom Torlakson, the State Superintendent of Schools in a telephone press conference Wednesday.

Despite nine years of continuous progress in API scores on the state level, as of this year almost 4,000 schools have been labeled as "failing" by the federal government.

With the state of the economy and the lack of funding coming from the government to meet the mandates, Torlakson has appealed to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to hold off on imposing the No Child Left Behind sanctions.

"We need a time out on No Child Left Behind's unfair and arbitrary standards that can't be met," Torlakson told journalists.

Although SMMUSD officials hope that the act's provisions will be postponed, they're already taking action to inform parents and explain the new PI status.

Will Rogers Principal Steve Richardson, who is starting his second year with the school, announced that the school would be holding three informational sessions for parents in the coming weeks.

Although he doesn't argue with using tests and measures to gauge performance, Richardson doesn't think that the federal standard serves his school well.

"Accountability is a good thing," Richardson said. "I just think it needs to really consider the advantages and disadvantages that kids have when they come to school, which this model does not."

Moving forward, Will Rogers will continue to focus its attention on literacy and the social-emotional skills of the students to enhance learning by instructing the "whole child."

The first town hall meeting is today, at 6:30 p.m. in Will Rogers' library.

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It is a surprisingly complex process.

The ordinance splits retailers into four "tiers," and applies different rules to different tiers.

The most obvious changes will take place at the grocery store and mini-mart level, where checkers will no longer be asking "Paper or plastic?" but rather "Did you bring your own bags today?"

No, really. The OSE has produced guides for owners and employees on what to say and how to deal with customers.

If there's no reusable bag available, customers will buy a 10-cent paper bag comprised of 40 percent post-consumer recycled paper with handles.

Plastic bags for produce and meats will still be available, Miller said, just not "T-shirt" bags at point-of-sale.

"None of this is ideal," she admitted, speaking of the complications and exceptions in the ordinance, "which is why you have to go to reusable."

Bring your own bag, avoid a headache. That's the message Santa Monica is trying to send.

Retailers are jumping on board, some more enthusiastically than others.

Sean McGuire, owner of The Farms at 2030 Montana Ave., put up posters in the front of his store reminding people to bring their own bags.

Actually, he's featured on the City Hall-produced poster.

Most of his customers are aware of the coming ban, he said.

"Most are well-educated and not living in a bubble," McGuire said.

An informal survey revealed that half of the people who visited his store before 4 p.m. remembered to bring their reusables, and 60 percent remembered after that hour.

"The earlier ones are there for lunch time, and aren't prepared," he said. "After that, they're there to buy dinner, which is predetermined."

If customers forget the bags — "90 percent of them leave the bags in the back of their cars," he said — that's no problem either. Just give your checker the key to the car and they'll go grab your bags for you.

It hasn't been smooth sailing across the board.

McGuire served one customer in the past week who, when informed of the ban, promptly threw the bag back at him.

Still, he believes that the ban will be a boon to small businesses, who might save some money if customers convert to reusable bags.

Although the City Hall-approved paper bags are more expensive than plastic — 13 cents per rather than half a cent — the 10-cent charge stays with the business and helps counterbalance that.

It's just a matter of programming a new key into the cash register, a task McGuire successfully completed in under 15 seconds.

City Hall has a number of other requirements that weigh heavier on the small business owner, including a twice-a-year reporting condition to help track the progress of the ban.

While small retailers may have some difficulty transitioning to some of the requirements of the ban, larger stores with more infrastructure behind them are a different story.

Wayne Nogosek, a manager at Whole Foods on Wilshire Boulevard near 20th Street, hasn't used a plastic bag in his store since Earth Day 2008.

That change took place across all of the Whole Foods chain, removing 150 million single-use plastic bags from the waste stream.

Although the ban isn't too much of a culture change for his store, Nogosek is helping to incentivize the switch by not only charging for each paper bag used, but giving 10 cents for every reusable bag that comes into the store.

There hasn't been too much resistance.

"In this area, everyone understands how important this is," Nogosek said.

The store is still developing a plan for what to do with the revenue derived from bag use. An option to donate it to the Whole Planet nonprofit has been put on the table, but corporate hasn't yet decided, Nogosek said.

The ban puts Santa Monica with a handful of other cities that have taken the step to reduce the number of bags that end up in landfills and water ways.

Santa Monica's own Assemblywoman Julia Brownley has been pushing for a ban statewide.

"I look forward to the day when plastic bags stop swirling around our feet in the waves, and no longer mar our beaches or kill marine life," Brownley said.

She also took a shot at the American Chemistry Council, a pro-plastic organization that took aim at plastic bag bans around the state.

The ACC objects to such bans because they kill jobs in California, which has some plastics manufacturing facilities, said Shari Jackson, director of Progressive Bag Affiliates.

"Obviously we don't think it's an appropriate policy approach," she said.

Some 1,000 jobs in California directly depend on plastic bags, she estimated, and an unknown number of other jobs could be indirectly affected.

It will also have an impact on recycling efforts for the bags, she said.

"The stores are not incentivized to provide bins for materials for recycling," Jackson said. "The infrastructure to collect bags is also good for other product wraps, including the wrap around sodas."

Instead, municipalities should focus on litter prevention and education, Jackson argued.



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A CHANGE TO THE SYSTEM: **Sean McGuire, owner of The Farms on Montana Avenue, programs his store's computer to comply with the 10-cent charge levied on paper bags under the newly-enforced plastic bag ordinance.**

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PICKING IT UP: **Volunteers explore the sand in search of debris north of the Santa Monica Pier during Heal the Bay's Coastal Cleanup Day last year. The Coastal Cleanup gathers hundreds of volunteers together to walk along picking up trash on the beaches of Southern California.**

CLEANUP
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bags and gloves to pick up trash.

Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers around the world have collected more than 166 million pieces of debris over the past 27 years, including close to 52.9 million cigarette butts, 14.8 million food wrappers and containers and 13.5 million caps and lids.

In Los Angeles County, Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers have collected more than 1 million pounds of trash since 1990's inaugural event, equaling roughly the weight of a fully loaded Boeing 747 jumbo jet, Heal the Bay officials said.

In addition to picking up debris, volunteers learn first-hand the importance of keeping trash out of waterways.

"I love a clean street, noticing there's no trash in the gutters or in the mouths of the catch basins, and I know my neighbors do too," said Eveline Bravo, manager of Heal the Bay's beach and Coastal Cleanup programs. "On Coastal Cleanup Day everyone in Los Angeles gets a chance to clear their streets and neighborhoods of debris. Plus it feels good knowing that whatever people pick up that day won't end up in the ocean."

Heal the Bay this year is also launching a special mobile-device donation program to support Coastal Cleanup Day. Supporters who are unable to participate directly in the Cleanup Day can still help protect what they love with a $5 donation by texting GIVE2CCD to 20222.

"Code Red" locations in need of special attention this year are Dominguez Channel, Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park and the Los Angeles River confluence. These urban sites drain runoff from huge swaths of Los Angeles County and are overwhelmed by such litter as plastic bags and fast-food packaging, Heal the Bay officials said.

In addition to the Code Red sites, approximately 60 sites have been confirmed this year, including more than 20 inland locations. SCUBA dive sites will include Leo Carrillo State Beach, Redondo Beach and the Santa Monica Pier. There will be two kayak efforts, (hosted by Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission) and the other in Ballona Creek (hosted by REI Santa Monica), where kayakers will need to preregister with REI Santa Monica to participate.

For recyclers, California Electronic Waste Recycling Company will collect e-waste such as computers, monitors and all types of batteries from both Dockweiler Beach at Tower 59 and Will Rogers State Beach.

As a bonus, Coastal Cleanup Day sponsor Ford Motor Co. will offer volunteers at the Dockweiler site test drives of its 2011 models and donate $50 to Heal the Bay for every test drive taken. Volunteers who test drive one of the vehicles will be automatically entered for a chance to win an all-new eco-friendly Ford, with results to be announced at the end of the cleanup.

Heal the Bay seeks volunteers of all ages and physical abilities; no experience necessary. Site captains will organize a diverse mix of individuals, families, neighborhoods, community groups, schools, faith-based groups, sports teams and businesses.

To sign up, visit healthebayccd.eventbrite.com.

Heal the Bay organizes Coastal Cleanup Day in Los Angeles County in partnership with the California Coastal Commission. The L.A. campaign is part of a global international event led by the Ocean Conservancy. The day has been recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's biggest 24-hour volunteer event. Last year more than 14,000 Los Angeles County volunteers picked up more than 137,000 pounds of trash.

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KATZ
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also steps into an enhanced role on offense in the wake of the departure of standout running back Jacquizz Rodgers, who will suit up for the NFL's Atlanta Falcons this season. With no Rodgers, OSU's coaching staff sees Katz as a signal caller up to the tall order.

"I think he's grown up," Offensive Coordinator Danny Langsdorf said of the redshirt junior. "He's more mature handling the stress of the position and expectations."

Langsdorf said that Katz has developed as both a player and leader since arriving on campus after a standout career at Samohi. Katz has assumed the role of undisputed leader of the offense in more ways than one, he added.

The most visible change in Katz from last year has been his willingness to be more outspoken during summer practices. Langsdorf said that Katz wasn't the type to let teammates have it when something went awry.

"He's more vocal," he said. "It's important to be a vocal leader at that position."

Langsdorf applauds Katz' progression in that category and anticipates it being a factor in his development as a quarterback.

That growth was slowed a bit during spring workouts. Katz broke his right wrist during the Civil War with cross-state rival Oregon during the last game of the season. He underwent surgery, limiting his participation in practice until the beginning of the summer. Langsdorf said that in that short time, Katz has been sharp during workouts and shows no lingering effects of the injury.

Katz said that the time away was hard to bear, but he's made up for lost time — and snaps — during summer training camp.

While Katz is finally healthy, the same can't be said for some of his key teammates. James Rodgers, his primary target early last year, was sidelined with a major knee injury mid-season that may force him to miss significant time this fall. Katz is hopeful that Rodgers — Jacquizz' older brother — will return early this season, but Langsdorf isn't quite as optimistic. He said that there is no time table for Rodgers' return.

Minus two major contributors from the Beavers' recent past, there will certainly be more heaped on Katz' shoulders.

Without a marquee running back, OSU is expected to air the ball out with more regularity. That suits Katz fine, whose arm has been touted as one of the strongest in the Pac-12, if not the nation. A writer with ESPN compared Katz to Arkansas' Ryan Mallett, a QB with a cannon strapped to his shoulder. Mallett now plays for the New England Patriots.

That strength coupled with improved accuracy should all play out well for the Beavers, Langsdorf believes.

Another X-factor will be Katz' ability to run the ball, something he was known for during his time at Samohi. Langsdorf has tweaked the offense to include more quarterback carries, a facet he thinks will disrupt opposing defenses, giving the Beavers another threat.

"We're going to try and take advantage of all of Ryan's abilities this year," Langsdorf said. "We want our quarterbacks to be throwers first," he said, "but if they can run, that's a bonus."

Once the Beavers take the field on Saturday for their season opener, Katz won't be the only former Samohi Viking in orange and black. Senior linebacker Cameron Collins is expected to be a factor on defense after switching over from safety in the offseason.

Having a high school chum to hangout with was big for Katz when he began his career in Corvallis.

"Cam was one of my best friends in high school," Katz said. "It's great to see another Samo guy up here."

To really make things interesting, Katz will be facing a Sacramento State team that has his successor at quarterback for Samohi on the opposite sideline. Garrett Safron is a backup quarterback for the Hornets. The two exchanged jabs on Facebook in the days leading up to the matchup.

"We joked about it when the game came out on the schedule," Katz said. "It gave us something to talk about."

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GOING DEEP: **Oregon State's Ryan Katz takes part in summer practice in Corvallis, Ore.**



PETS
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they didn't know what they would do.

The finding underscores something emergency management officials learned during Hurricane Katrina six years ago in New Orleans: Some pet owners won't evacuate in an emergency if it means leaving their animals behind, while others may be forced to abandon pets.

While Hurricane Irene has come and gone, September is disaster preparedness month, and with hurricane season running through November, the ASPCA is urging pet owners to identify a place in advance where they could bring their animals if they had to evacuate in an emergency. The organization also advocates microchipping pets as the best way to make sure owners can be tracked down if their animals get lost.

New Yorkers hunkering down for Irene this past weekend were lucky: The city permitted evacuees to bring pets with them to designated shelters. And the transit system, which normally only allows service dogs or pets in carriers to ride buses and trains, allowed leashed dogs onboard as a way of encouraging reluctant pet owners in flood zones to leave.

As a result, said Tim Rickey, the ASPCA's senior director of field investigations and response team, several hundred pets were brought to New York's shelters, which had crates and animal care teams to accommodate them.

In Joplin, Mo., after the tornado in May killed 160 people, the ASPCA took 1,300 lost or abandoned dogs and cats into an emergency animal shelter. Fewer than 5 percent of those animals were microchipped, said Rickey.

Only 500 of the Joplin pets were reunited with their owners. The rest were placed with new owners in a massive adopt-a-thon that drew 5,700 people from 24 states.

The ASPCA poll found that nationally, only 28 percent of dog owners and 24 percent of cat owners say their pets have embedded microchips. In addition, according to the survey, 21 percent of dog owners and 46 percent of cat owners say their animals don't have any form of identification that is on them all the time.

The survey, conducted for the ASPCA by Lake Research Partners between July 30 and Aug. 4, involved landline and cell phone interviews with 1,005 pet owners nationwide. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Rickey, who has led pet recovery efforts for hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike, and floods, ice storms and wildfires, said animals at the Joplin shelter included animals that were rescued, animals found as strays and pets dropped off by owners who couldn't keep them because they'd lost their homes. Some pets were so scared they had to be trapped by Rickey's crews.

Rickey has three horses, four goats, 17 chickens, four dogs, two cats, a wife and two daughters at home in St. Clair, Mo., and even though it requires a horse trailer, they have an evacuation plan that includes the whole bunch.

He urges pet owners to "always evacuate with your pets. If it's not safe for you to stay, it's probably not safe for your pet." And you never know if you will be gone for two hours or two weeks, he added.

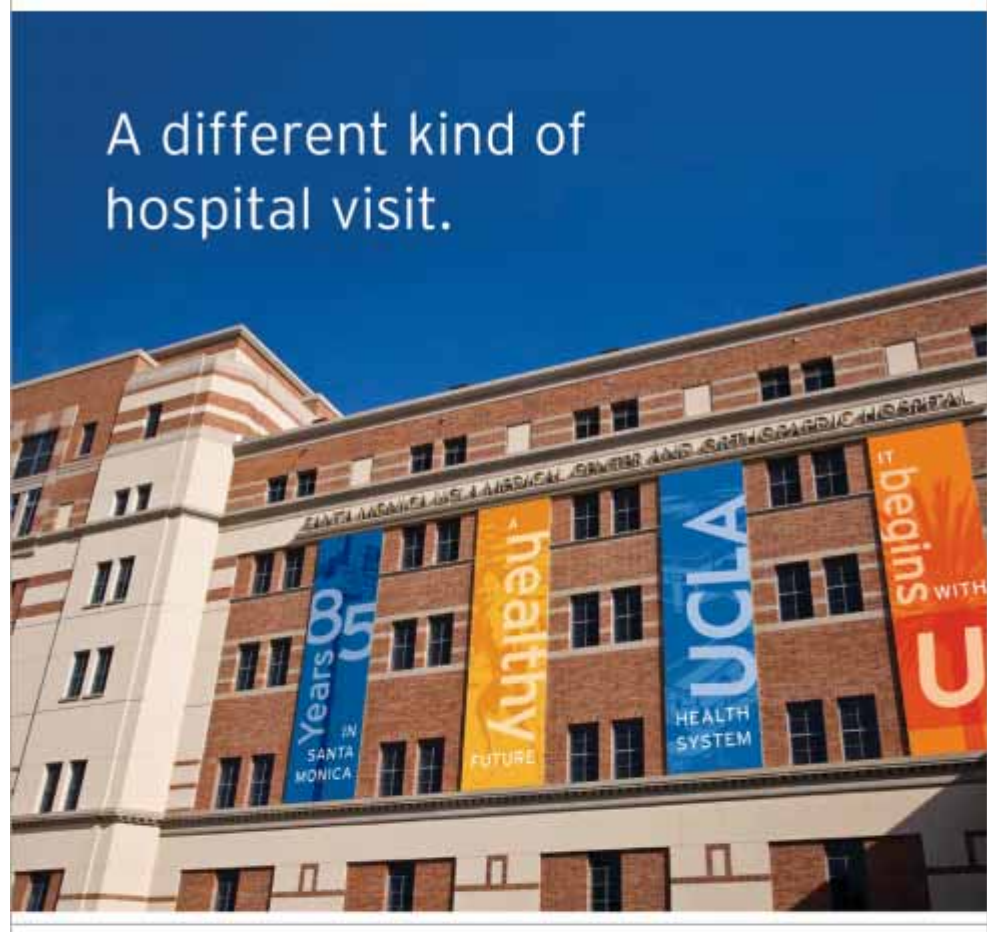
Of course, while hurricanes are usually forecast in advance, tornados leave little time for people to take shelter — with or without their pets. In Joplin, when the sirens went off, people were lucky if they had time to grab family members and pets and huddle in a closet.

Virginia Anderson, 95, lost everything in the tornado but a couple of cabinets full of glass collectibles that were somehow protected by a wall that didn't blow away with the rest of her house. But she couldn't find the two things that meant the most to her — her cats, Pretty Kitty, 12, and Lucky, 5.

She moved in with friend and former daughter-in-law, Pauletta Daniels, on the other side of town. Three days later, Pretty Kitty turned up fine in what was left of a closet at Anderson's home. And two weeks later, Daniels found Lucky at the ASPCA shelter. Like every other pet sent home or adopted from the shelter, he got a microchip before leaving.



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Nation ramps up security as 9/11 anniversary nears

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WASHINGTON As the nation prepares for the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks — a date al-Qaida has cited as a potential opportunity to strike again — security is intensifying at airports, train stations, nuclear plants and major sporting arenas around the country.

"At this point there is no specific credible threat, but that doesn't mean we are relaxing at all in terms of our vigilance," said John Brennan, President Barack Obama's homeland security and counterterrorism adviser.

"We are concerned about the lone actors that are out there, we are concerned that al-Qaida or others may try to take advantage of the 9/11 anniversary events," Brennan told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"We're looking at all different angles — what might have been planned for a while, we're still looking for indications that there might be something out there, but we are very interested in seeing whether or not there's any indication whatsoever of a lone actor and that's much more difficult to pick up."

The security ramp-up around the country underscores a shift in policing focus since the attacks a decade ago. Officers and emergency responders have been trained in detecting suspicious activity that could uncover a terror plot, aware that the threat has changed in part from an organized large-scale attack using airliners as missiles to the potential for smaller, less sophisticated operations carried out by affiliated groups or individuals.

Metropolitan areas are on alert.

"Throughout the city, whether it's the ports or the airports or venues or whatever, you will see an increase in awareness, an increase in resources at strategic places," said Mark Eisenman, assistant chief over the homeland security command for the Police Department in Houston, home to the country's largest port. "We are certainly aware of the threats and the concerns, and we're much more willing to share information than probably ever in the past."

Some of the first information gleaned from Osama bin Laden's compound after he was killed in May indicated that, as recently as February 2010, al-Qaida considered plans to attack the U.S. on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 airliner strikes. But counterterrorism officials say they believe that planning never got beyond the initial phase and they have no recent intelligence pointing to an active plot.

On Wednesday, vendors at Los Angeles' regional transit hub, Union Station, were being briefed by law enforcement on ways to be aware of suspicious activities over the next few weeks, said Commander Pat Jordan, chief of the transit services bureau at the L.A. County Sheriff's Department.

There will be increased law enforcement presence on L.A. transit systems during the "threat window," with bomb sniffing dogs, and random baggage searches, he said, adding, "You can't be complacent."

Transit employees in L.A., like riders around the country, are told that if they see something, they should say something. And three weeks ago, the department held an exercise with an active shooter scenario similar to the tactics terrorists used in the deadly 2008 attacks in Mumbai. In the transit environment, Jordan said, some of the greatest threats could come from gunmen and the use of explosives hidden in backpacks.

"Our role at the local level has become much more important over the past year, as we realized the potential for the insider, domestic threat — somebody who is already here in the United States," said Washington Metropolitan Police Department Chief Cathy Lanier. These insiders, already living inside the country, would have a shorter planning cycle than a terrorist organization plotting to attack the U.S. from overseas, she said, and therefore local law enforcement officers are critical in catching a plot in their community before it's too late.

In Phoenix, police will be doing more patrols around the region's nuclear power plant, airports and other critical sites that, if attacked, could affect the city, said Bill Wickers, sergeant at the homeland defense bureau of the Phoenix Police Department. Messages on the department's internal television station include reminders of what constitutes suspicious activity, such as someone making drawing a diagram of a piece of important infrastructure or someone wearing a heavy coat while it's 115 degrees outside.

"The heat's been turned up," Wickers said.

And there's a rapid response team of hazardous material technicians, special weapons and tactics and bomb operators ready to go, Wickers said, adding that the city used federal money that became available after 9/11 to help fund that team and other counterterrorism measures.

In Florida, there will be extended staffing at the state's fusion center — an intelligence-sharing operation established after 9/11 that places law enforcement from around the state, as well as representatives from the FBI, Homeland Security Department and Transportation Security Administration in one building, said the center's director, Robert LeFiles.

The police chief in Arlington, Va., home to the Pentagon, which was attacked on 9/11, called the weeks surrounding the anniversary a time of heightened awareness.

"Ten years ago changed the world for us, and we should all be consciously aware of what's going on around us," said Douglas Scott.

New Yorkers will see more police officers on patrol in and around ground zero, where the World Trade Center towers stood, said Police Department spokesman Paul Browne. The department also plans an increased show of force in the subways, always considered a potential terror target.

Plans to tamper with an unspecified U.S. rail track so that a train would fall off in a valley or from bridge were found on handwritten notes pulled from bin Laden's Pakistani hideout in May. The al-Qaida planners noted that if they attacked a train by tilting it, the plan would succeed only once because the tilting would be spotted the next time. U.S. counterterrorism officials believe these ideas never got off the drawing board.

"It's been a long buildup as we approach the anniversary of 9/11," said Sean Duggan, assistant chief at the Scottsdale, Ariz., Police Department. Duggan said his department gets daily updates from the FBI and Homeland Security Department. But over the past two months, the focus has been on the 10th anniversary of the terror hijackings, as events are planned around the country to commemorate the nearly 3,000 people killed in the 2001 attacks. "We know this is a significant date," he said.

Wild August economy gave investors the jitters

BERNARD CONDON
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NEW YORK For investors, August was one for the record books — but not in a good way.

Hurricane Irene didn't shut down stock exchanges, Europeans banks didn't collapse and stocks narrowly avoided dropping into bear market territory. But it was brutal month nonetheless. On Wednesday, the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed at 1,218.89, up 0.5 percent for the day, but down 5.7 percent for the month. It was the worst August for the S&P in 10 years.

It was a somber ending to a month of troubling firsts for the markets:

— Record volatility: The Dow Jones industrial average swung more than 400 points up or down four days in row, a first in its 115-year history. The Dow was as high of 12,132 for the month and as low of 10,719 in the span of 23 trading days.

— U.S. downgrade: Standard & Poor's cut the U.S. credit rating from triple-A, an unprecedented move.

— New high for gold: Investors fearing high inflation or turmoil in Europe rushed into the perceived safety of the metal — or the possible profits of rising gold prices — pushing its price to an all-time high of $1,891.90 an ounce on Aug. 22.

— New low for Treasury yields: As they flocked to this safe haven, investors drove yields on the 10-year Treasury note to below 2 percent for the first time in a half century.

The message from all the tumult: More than two years into the recovery, investors are still worried, uncertain and quick to sell at a hint of economic trouble. Says Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at Standard & Poor's equity research, "Fear pretty much drove equity, bond and gold prices."

In retrospect, stocks didn't have a fighting chance.

In late July, investors were already on edge over the possibility Congress would fail to raise the debt ceiling and cause the U.S. to default. Then, two days before the start of August, the government reported that the economy had grown at annual pace of 0.8 percent in the first half of the year. Nine of the past 11 recessions since World War II have been preceded by a period of growth of 1 percent or less.

The first week of the new month hit investors hard. A report on Monday, Aug. 1, showed manufacturing was barely growing. And though lawmakers finally did agree to raise the debt ceiling the next day, the relief was fleeting. Late that Friday, the S&P stripped the U.S. of its top rating.

What followed was one of the scariest weeks in Wall Street history. The Dow plunged 634 points on Monday, Aug. 8, its steepest fall in more than 2 ? years. Then it flipped-flopped between 400-plus point gains and losses for another three days, unprecedented in the index's history.

"We loved the volatility," says Seth Glickenhaus, 97, a trader since the Great Depression and a net buyer in August at his eponymous money management firm. "It gives us a chance to buy things when they're down and sell when they're up."

But for many investors, the rollercoaster was unnerving, feeding fears that the market and the economy had become unstable.

The next two weeks brought more bad news, and two new records. By mid-August, fears mounted that European banks holding government bonds of deeply-indebted countries might not be able to access short-term loans to fund their daily operations. That revived memories of the credit freeze that swept across the U.S. and Europe after investment bank Lehman Bros. collapsed in Sept. 2008. Investors fled to the usual suspects — Treasurys and gold.

On Monday, Aug. 22, gold settled at a record $1,891.90 an ounce, a gain of 28 percent in less than two months. By that Friday, stocks had fallen again, and were 16 percent lower than they had been just four weeks earlier.

The good news is stocks have generally been rising since then. One reason: Investors apparently interpreted last Friday's news that the Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke wasn't planning any new stimulus for the economy to mean that maybe the economy isn't in such bad shape after all.

Richard Bernstein, former chief strategist at Merrill Lynch who now heads his own money management firm, isn't convinced.

"It's hard to see a sustained bull market when no major economy is trying to stimulate their economy," he says.

Bulls like to point out that for all the focus by investors on the economy, the biggest thing that matters for stocks is profits — and Corporate America has not disappointed in that regard. Despite predictions that they would fall, earnings for the S&P 500 companies rose an average 12 percent in the second quarter, according to research firm FactSet. It is the seventh quarter in a row of gains greater than 10 percent.

If companies can keep it up, and the U.S. avoids recession, shares might keep rising.

The safest bet, though, might be just more volatility.

Glickenhaus, the nonagenarian trader, says he expects stock prices to end 2011 pretty much where they stand today — though with a lots of big moves in between.

"The market seems to be overreacting to the news so they'll be more up and down days," he says.

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Half of U.S. population drinks sugary beverages every day

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA Half of Americans drink a soda or sugary beverage each day — and some are downing a lot.

One in 20 people drinks the equivalent of more than four cans of soda each day, even though health officials say sweetened beverages should be limited to less than half a can.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the figures Wednesday in a report said to be the government's first to offer national statistics for both adults and kids.

Sweetened drinks have been linked to the U.S. explosion in obesity and related medical problems, and health officials have been urging people to cut back for years. Some officials have proposed an extra soda tax and many schools have stopped selling soda or artificial juices.

But advocates say those efforts are not enough, and on Wednesday a coalition of 100 organizations announced a new push. The effort includes the American Heart Association and the some city health departments who plan to prod companies to stop the sale of sugary drinks on their property or providing them at business meetings — as Boston's Carney Hospital did in April. There will also be new media campaigns, like one starting soon in Los Angeles that will ask "If you wouldn't eat 22 packs of sugar, why are you drinking it?'

The new CDC report may be ammunition. It found:

• About half the population drinks a sugared beverage each day.

• Males consume more than females, with teenage boys leading the pack. On average, males ages 12 through 19 drink the equivalent of nearly two cans of soda each day.

• Poor people drink more than the more affluent. Low-income adults got about 9 percent of their daily calories from sugary beverages; for high-income adults it was just over 4 percent.

• Blacks get more of their calories from sweetened beverages than other racial and ethnic groups.

The study is based on in-person interviews of more than 17,000 people in the years 2005 through 2008. They were asked to recount everything they ate and drank in the previous day. However, diet sodas, sweetened teas, flavored milks and 100 percent fruit juice did not count.

Healthy-eating recommendations call for people to limit sugary beverages to about 64 calories per day. That's a little less than half of a 12-ounce can of regular Coca-Cola, which is 140 calories.

In other terms: An average can of sugared soda or juice has 10 to 12 teaspoons of sugar.

There have been efforts to reduce children's access to sodas and sports drinks in schools, with beverage companies agreeing to remove full-calorie soft drinks. But the CDC study found more than half of the drinks are consumed at home. Less than 1 percent are bought at schools or day-care centers.

That's why some members of the coalition argue that parents shouldn't drink sweetened beverages, so they don't serve as a poor example at home. They hope drinking soda will become as unfashionable as smoking.

A spokesman for Carney Hospital — the 149-bed Boston facility that stopped allowing full-calorie soft drink sales — said the approach makes sense. When the policy was implemented in April, sales of beverages dropped, but have gone back up, as more people apparently are adjusting to water and other non-sweetened drinks.

The hospital's Dorchester neighborhood has high rates of diabetes and other weight-related illnesses, said spokesman Joe Burnieika. "We can't afford to feed people's bad habits if we can give them a healthy alternative," he said.

In a statement, the American Beverage Association on Wednesday suggested that the coalition's effort was misguided. Citing sales data and some other research, the industry group said sales of full-calorie soft drinks have been declining, which they credited to soda makers offering more no-calorie and low-calorie options and improved calorie labeling on the front.

These initiatives "will contribute far more to solving complex health issues like obesity than (the coalition's) sound bite solution that offers plenty of hype but no substance," the statement said.

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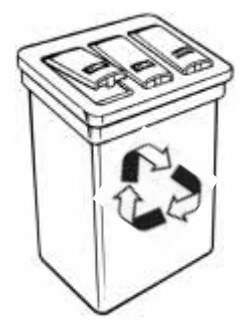
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Sports dietitians keeping teams trim

ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN Rex Burkhead arrived at Nebraska two years ago like a lot of other college students. He had weaknesses for ice cream and late-night hamburgers.

Nowadays, under the supervision of the Cornhuskers' sports nutrition staff, the junior running back can account for every calorie and carb that goes into his body. Those midnight burgers are out, and Burkhead said he's never felt, or played, better.

Can a winning diet lead to wins on the football field?

The Collegiate & Professional Sports Dietitians Association said 13 schools in the preseason Top 25 poll employ at least one full-time sports registered dietitian and five of those schools have two. The group said there are only 13 full-time sports RDs spread across the other 95 members of the Football Bowl Subdivision.

The CPSDA said schools serious about competing at the highest level need people to oversee what, when and how much their football players are eating.

"I take a lot of pride in feeling like our guys are going to be the best-fueled team out there," Nebraska director of sports nutrition Josh Hingst said. "When it comes to the third and fourth quarters, our guys aren't going to be dragging. We're going to fuel them to perform, and nutrition isn't an aspect where we're going to drop the ball."

Long gone are the days of the old-school training table, usually a partitioned dormitory dining hall where steak was served once a week and the athletes could go back for second helpings where it wasn't allowed for other students.

Nebraska will spend more than $1 million this year on specially prepared foods for its athletes, and that doesn't include more than $200,000 for supplements or Hingst's $74,000 salary.

Nebraska, however, is one of the few athletic departments that operate in the black. Cost-conscious athletic directors have been slow to commit resources to sports nutrition, CPSDA president Dave Ellis said. Typically, he said, an outside consultant or someone from a university's student health department will give a talk to athletes about healthy eating and then provide no follow-up.

Tom Osborne, Nebraska's Hall of Fame coach and now the athletic director, was among the first to buy in to the value of sports nutrition. Nebraska built a premier training table complex with the money it received for appearing in the 1983 Kickoff Classic, and the school hired Ellis as its first sports nutritionist in 1994.

"It's a student-welfare argument more than a keep-up-with-the-Joneses argument," Ellis said. "How can you assume these are part-time athletes? They may only practice a set number of hours in season and in offseason workouts. The damage done takes longer than 24-hour cycles. It's a very important thing to know we're in the recovery business, and these athletes are always in a state of damage and recovery that requires quality rest and quality intervention with diet."

Alabama's Amy Bragg said she and other sports RDs must break their charges' bad habits when they arrive on campus. Like many Americans, she said, most freshmen eat too much fast food and not enough fruits and vegetables.

Eating right — and at the right time — promotes faster muscle recovery and deters athletes from seeking shortcuts.

Bragg said sports RDs can also assess supplements and are on the lookout for the use of substances that are banned by the NCAA.

"Let's feed them right so they don't have to do the other things," Bragg said.

At Nebraska, each football player is analyzed at the start of his freshman year to determine, among other things, whether he needs to gain or lose weight and how many calories he requires to perform at his highest level. Each gets a laminated meal card that he can refer to when he goes to the training table and for snacking tips.

Burkhead adheres to a 4,500-calorie-a-day diet that allows him to maintain his 210 pounds and 6.5 percent body fat. Offensive linemen, on the other hand, might require 5,000 calories a day to stay at 300 pounds and have 20 percent to 25 percent body fat.

The average male requires about 2,000 calories a day to maintain his weight.

Ellis founded an easy-to-follow 1-2-3 plan for players to follow. Fruits and vegetables are "1," carbohydrates are "2," and lean proteins are "3."

At lunch and dinner Burkhead ladles up a predetermined number of servings of each. He visits an area in the football complex known as "the landing" throughout the day to snacks on fruits, trail mix and sports drink. He has a glass of milk at bedtime.

Players stop by the "fueling table" on their way in and out of practices to pick up approved supplements and other items that help them recover quickly from the wear and tear on their bodies.

Players are monitored through weekly weigh-ins, with Hingst tweaking their meal plans accordingly.

Hingst also offers cooking classes to players so they can prepare their own meals when the training table is closed, and nutrition staffers clip newspaper ads pointing players to the best grocery buys around Lincoln.

Burkhead said a football player can't help but eat right at Nebraska — though he does admit to sneaking some ice cream from time to time.

NCAA FOOTBALL

UCLA names Prince starting QB

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Although Kevin Prince has won UCLA's quarterback competition, Richard Brehaut didn't exactly lose it.

Prince will start in UCLA's season opener at Houston on Saturday, but both quarterbacks will play, coach Rick Neuheisel announced Tuesday.

Although Prince will begin his third straight season as UCLA's starting quarterback, Neuheisel couldn't choose a clear leader in the monthlong competition. The quarterbacks split playing time with the first-team offense throughout training camp, and both performed up to Neuheisel's expectations.

"I wanted to create competition during camp, and I wanted to give both kids an ample opportunity to win the job," Neuheisel said. "Having done that, it was too close to call, and I believe that both deserve to play."

Prince started 16 games over the past two seasons, passing for 2,434 yards with 13 interceptions and 11 touchdowns. He began camp as the nominal leader in the competition, which Prince credited for pushing both quarterbacks.

"Without having a starter, it pushes us both to be better every day," Prince said. "Even when we have a starter, that's not going to change for us in practice."

Prince has led the Bruins to road victories at Tennessee and Texas during his two seasons, but his progress has been slowed by injuries. He broke his jaw during a game in his freshman season, and he had season-ending arthroscopic surgery on his right knee last October.

Brehaut is a two-sport athlete who played baseball at UCLA last spring. He started seven games last season, setting a school record with 33 completions against Arizona State while passing for 1,296 yards.

"We both have experience and have played in big games," Brehaut said. "As long as this helps the team to win, I am all for it."

On Monday, both quarterbacks said they felt they had played well enough in camp to earn the starting spot. Neuheisel welcomed a lively quarterback competition for the Bruins, whose passing game was among the nation's worst last season, ranking 116th among 120 teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Although Prince missed spring practices while recovering from knee surgery, both quarterbacks have spent the past month studying under new offensive coordinator Mike Johnson and running game coordinator Jim Mastro. UCLA's new offense will incorporate aspects of Mastro's pistol offense and Johnson's preferred spread scheme, with Neuheisel getting the final say.

Neuheisel said talented freshman quarterback Brett Hundley could also see early action. Hundley missed part of camp after minor knee surgery, but Neuheisel's top recruit has been impressive since returning to workouts.







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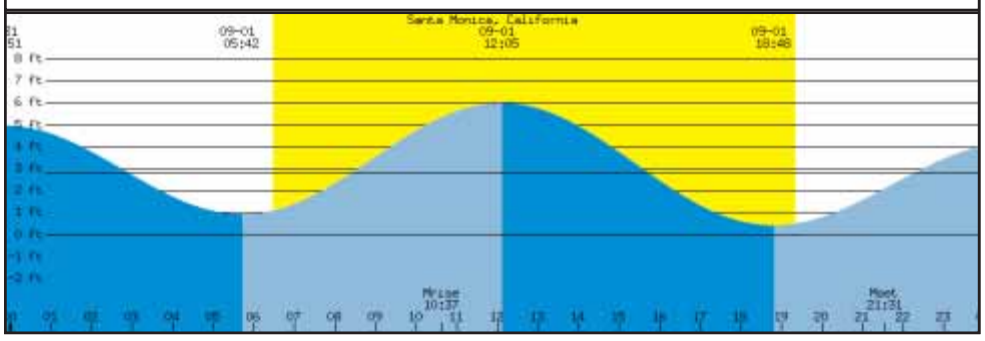
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	ss
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ss
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ss
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ss
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ss
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ss
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ss
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ss
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ss
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ss
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ss
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ss
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ss
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ss
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	ss
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ss
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	ss
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ss
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ss
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ss
Tuna Canyon.	ss	ss
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ss
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ss
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ss

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ss
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ss
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ss
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ss
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Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ss
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ss
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Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ss
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ss
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ss
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ss

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration FOR the Memorial Park Reservoir PROJECT

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given on the completion and availability of a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) for the proposed Memorial Park Reservoir project located at Memorial Park between Olympic Boulevard and Colorado Avenue, and between 14th and 16th streets in Santa Monica, CA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project consists of a 1-million gallon (MG) non-potable water reservoir, a non-potable water pumping station, and supporting pipelines at a site within Memorial Park and immediately adjacent the park to the west at the Fisher Lumber property. The water reservoir and supporting pipelines will be located underground so existing and/or improved park facilities can be located at grade above the buried reservoirs and pumping facilities. Within Memorial Park, the proposed underground reservoir would be located beneath the existing tennis courts along the northeast side of 14th Street. A pump station would be located northwest of the reservoir in an area occupied by a parking lot. The pump station would be above ground in a masonry block building located immediately adjacent the park in an existing parking lot on the western most edge of the Fisher Lumber property.

The overall public benefit of this project will be to provide more reliability for the City's non-potable water supply systems. The City's non-potable water supply system would be provided with more flexibility and reliability. Currently, the City has a greater need for additional recycled water storage than for potable water storage. Providing additional storage for non-potable water will make it possible to more efficiently serve existing and new customers.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS: The Draft ISMND determined that implementation of the proposed project will result in significant but mitigable impacts to the following issue areas:

- Biological Resources
- Construction Effects
- Cultural Resources

The Draft ISMND also analyzed aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, geology, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, land use, mineral resources, neighborhood effects, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, shadows, transportation/traffic, and utilities and determined that impacts will be less than significant with respect to these issue areas.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. **The comment period will start on September 1, 2011 and end at 5:30 p.m. on September 30, 2011**. Written comments should be sent to:

Eric Bailey, Civil Engineer
Public Works Department
Civil Engineering Division
1437 4th St. Suite 300
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or via E-mail at: Eric.Bailey@smgov.net

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft ISMND and background materials are available on the City of Santa Monica Engineering website:

http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PublicWorks/ContentCivEng.aspx?id=9673

Or may be viewed at the following locations:

City Planning Division public counter
Room 111
1685 Main Street
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Office of the City Clerk
Room 102
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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
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Raising Arizona (PG-13) 1hr 34min
7:30pm

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
12:00pm, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Final Destination 5 3D (R) 1hr 35min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

One Day (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah) (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Fright Night 3D (R) 2hrs 00min
11:20am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Colombiana (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

The Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:45am, 3:10pm, 6:45pm, 10:05pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
1:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) 1hr 28min
11:00am, 4:00pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Mozart's Sister (Nannerl, la Soeur de Mozart) (NR) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Amigo (R) 2hrs 08min
1:30pm

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
12:30pm, 2:55pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
4:30pm

Chasing Madoff (NR) 1hr 31min
1:10pm, 3:25pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Yogawoman (NR)
7:00pm

Opera in Cinema Tosca (NR)
7:30pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm

Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

30 Minutes or Less (R) 1hr 23min
11:20am, 1:40pm, 4:00pm, 6:20pm, 8:30pm, 10:45pm

Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min
10:00pm

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) 1hr 40min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) 1hr 52min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Head home tonight, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You cannot change someone's need to be on center stage. Review your objectives. The intensity of relating in this situation could cause some discomfort. If you need to say no to this arrangement, do. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Rethink a personal matter. You don't need everyone to agree. A conversation yields a positive benefit, especially when had with lightness and caring. An imaginative suggestion might be fun to work with. Tonight: Go with someone else's choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. Understanding evolves if you are open to a co-worker's or friend's suggestion. Refuse to take it personally that you are not the lead player. Use the break. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You could be slow to move into action, but once you do, your creativity flourishes. Listening to someone might be difficult, as your mind has many flights of fancy. Try to stay present in the moment. Someone at a distance demonstrates a more fine-tuned idea. Tonight: Put on a great piece of music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Conversations move with ease in the morning, yet by the afternoon, different concerns arise. Getting feedback dulls in the evening, when you want to reflect on the issue. Children and/or your domestic life might be involved. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Handle a financial matter. Many of you will find yourselves heading to or on the phone with the bank. Communicate your intentions in the afternoon, when others seem to be more adaptable and easygoing. You might be juggling some day-to-day concerns. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Investigate an offer in the morning. You also will have the most influence over others and situations during this time. Focus on a creative response in the afternoon. A risk might be very tempting. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You have been in a period of deep thought where you wonder about the possibilities. Express your thoughts in the afternoon. You cannot instrument changes unless you are open and speak your mind. Listen to what someone shares. Tonight: Make it easy. How about pizza?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Focus on important goals or situations that you feel must go your way. A meeting could play into the situation as well. You know your limits. Listen to feedback from a family member. He or she has important information. Tonight: Take some much-needed time off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take charge, and others will follow you. Do nothing, and you might not like what happens. You are better off anyway when you are proactive. Listen to news with a grain of salt. Know what is happening with friends. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Make it a point to get more facts. Talk to people in the know. More information can only help. If you want something done your way, you will have to do it yourself. No one has the exact same vision. Tonight: Could be a late one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. Quite clearly, you don't need to push this associate or partner, as he or she works well with you. Later in the day, finally make that plan to travel, or perhaps sign up for a workshop. Your mind can always grow more. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

Happy birthday

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, you often weigh the pros and cons of a situation. At times you are forthright and direct. Don't be surprised if some people deal with you in an unusual manner. You see new ways to approach your daily life. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Often, others will see you as sultry. Enjoy the dating game to the max. If you are attached, the more you share, the closer you become. SCORPIO understands you almost too well!



MYSTERY PHOTO

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

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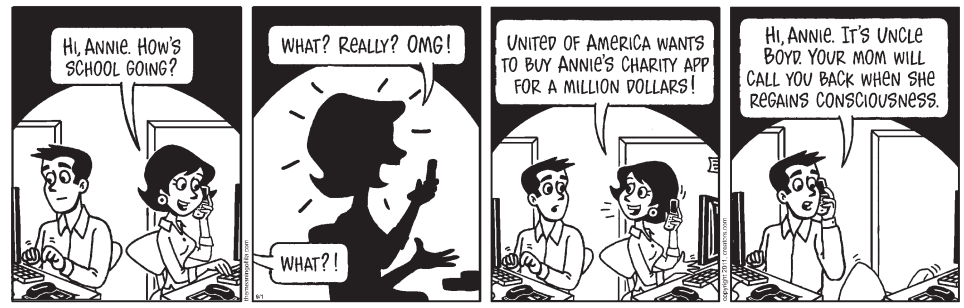
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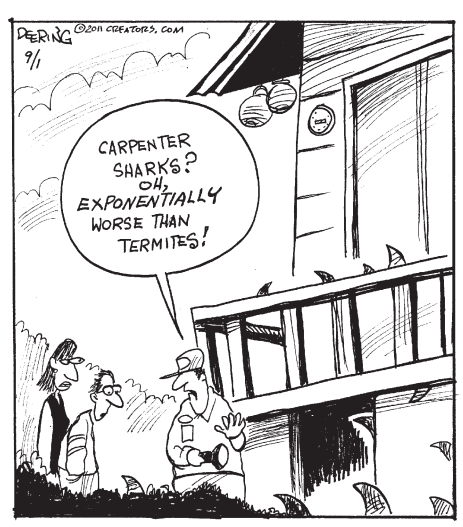
Garfield

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By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

9						3		
7			1			8		
6				3	2	9		
	6		4		7			
		5				7		
			2		1		9	
		1	8	7				3
		8			3			1
		6						9

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	5	4	7	1	3	9	2	8
1	7	9	5	2	8	6	3	4
2	3	8	6	9	4	1	5	7
8	6	1	4	3	5	2	7	9
5	9	3	2	7	6	8	4	1
7	4	2	1	8	9	3	6	5
9	8	7	3	4	2	5	1	6
4	2	6	8	5	1	7	9	3
3	1	5	9	6	7	4	8	2



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Flock holders
5 Dog star
11 Milky stone
12 Paragons
13 Carpet feature
14 Lists of candidates
15 Diverse
17 Vining plant
18 New Year's games
22 Possessed
24 Lovable
25 Use a spade
26 Tell tales
27 Practical
30 B sound-alike
32 Turn red, maybe
33 Ring legend
34 Anvil and stirrup
38 Washington city
41 Eyeball
42 Starting bid
43 Trick
44 Non-magical person
45 Went fast

DOWN

1 Church leader
2 Sweeping
3 Enclosing, in a way
4 Blouse part
5 Shopping aid
6 Unscripted lines
7 Manatee
8 Convened
9 — de France
10 Two-way curve
16 Dancer Charisse
19 Getting teary
20 Movie princess
21 Proofing note
22 Sneaker problem
23 Hotspot offering
28 It's believing
29 Tooth layer
30 Fare carrier
31 Building count
35 Quite uncommon
36 Different
37 Parrot snack
38 — Kippur
39 Clerk on "The Simpsons"
40 Gunpowder container

M	O	S	S	■	W	A	R	P	E	D
A	R	C	H	■	I	C	E	A	G	E
C	A	R	E	■	D	R	E	W	O	N
E	L	I	■	R	O	O	K	■	■	■
■	■	M	E	O	W	S	■	S	O	B
J	A	P	A	N	■	S	C	H	W	A
I	R	I	S	■	■	■	O	R	E	S
B	E	N	T	S	■	G	L	I	D	E
S	A	G	■	C	R	E	A	M	■	■
■	■	■	F	O	A	L	■	P	A	M
S	E	W	I	N	G	■	G	I	G	I
A	T	O	N	C	E	■	E	N	O	S
T	A	N	K	E	D	■	E	G	G	S

Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	■	5	6	7	8	9	10
11				■	12					
13				■	14					
15				16				■	■	■
■	■	17			■	18		19	20	21
22	23				■	24				
25			■	■	■	■	■	26		
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32					■	33			■	■
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38	39	40				■	41			
42						■	43			
44						■	45			

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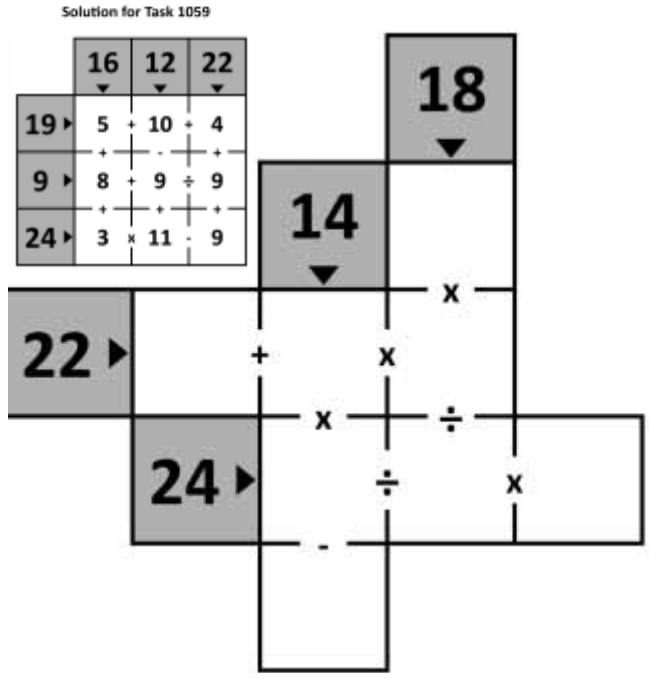
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

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Solution for Task 1059



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MIDDAY: 2 3 1
EVENING: 3 1 2

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ News of the Weird has reported on life-sized, anatomically correct dolls manufactured in fine detail with human features (e.g., the "Real Doll," as one brand is called), which are as different from the plastic inflatable dolls sold in adult stores as fine whiskey is to $2-a-bottle rotgut. An early progenitor of the exquisite dolls, according to new research by Briton Graeme Donald, was Adolf Hitler, who was worried that he was losing more soldiers to venereal disease than to battlefield injuries, and ordered his police chief, Heinrich Himmler, to oversee development of a meticulously made doll with blonde hair and blue eyes. (However, according to Donald, the project was stopped in 1942 and all the research lost in the Allies' bombing of Dresden, Germany.) Among those who had heard of Hitler's earlier interest, according to Donald, were the creators of what later became the Barbie doll.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1980 Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope ends in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

1980 Major General Chun Doo-hwan becomes president of South Korea, following the resignation of Choi Kyu-hah.

1981 A coup d'état in the Central African Republic overthrows President David Dacko.

1982 Canada adopts the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as part of its Constitution.

1982 The United States Air Force Space Command is founded.

1983 Cold War: Korean Air Flight 007 is shot down by a Soviet Union jet fighter when the commercial aircraft enters Soviet airspace. All 269 on board die, including Congressman Lawrence McDonald.

1985 A joint American–French expedition locates the wreckage of the RMS Titanic.

1990 The Communist Labour Party of Turkey/Leninist is founded, following a split from the Communist Labour Party of Turkey.

WORD UP!

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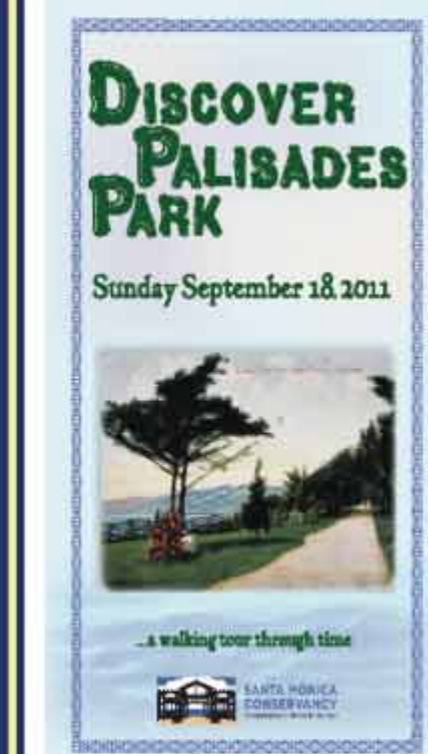
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